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CRUISE REPORT

F.R.S. " M A R A "

27th March - 14th April, 1961

Narrative:

No work was done during the first week of the cruise, partly due to bad weather and partly because of a leak that developed in the stern tube. To repair this the ship had to go into dry dock in Peterhead and it was not until the morning of 4th April that she was ready to commence work. The last two weeks of the cruise were spent fishing with a trouser trawl on the Benachie Ground, in the Buchan Deep and in Aberdeen Bay.

Results:

A preliminary survey of the results suggests that, as fished, there are differences between the catches of long rough dabs and 1-group whiting and haddock made by the two logs although there are no apparent differences between the catches of cod, lemon sole, plaice and common dabs.

A comparison of the catches by the standard wing and the cut-away wing suggests that the standard wing tends to catch more 1-group haddock and whiting than the cut-away wing. No differences are apparent for the other species mentioned above.

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21st April, 1961.